

MU-SPIN INTERNSHIP

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First Project



The Mass and Power Histories Project

- > Designed a standard technical specifications document for mass and power of APL Missions.
 - STEREO
 - NEW HORIZONS
 - MESSENGER
 - CONTOUR
 - NEAR
 - TIMED
 - ACE
 - FUSE
 - MSX





Spacecraft Subsystems & Components



- Payload
- Avionics
- Power
- Radio Frequency (RF) Telecommunications
- Guidance & Control (G&C)
- Thermal
- Mechanical/Structural
- Propulsion
- Harness
- Propellent
- Margin



Conclusion



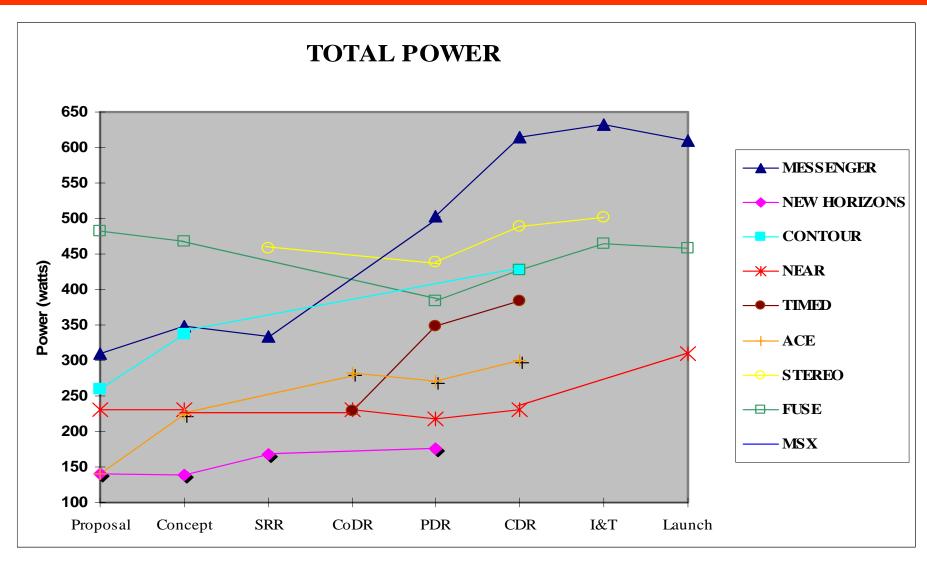
For Each Mission:

- **≻Total Dry Mass**
- **≻Wet Mass**
- **≻Lift Mass**
- **≻Total Power**
- >Available Power



Graph







Overview of Project



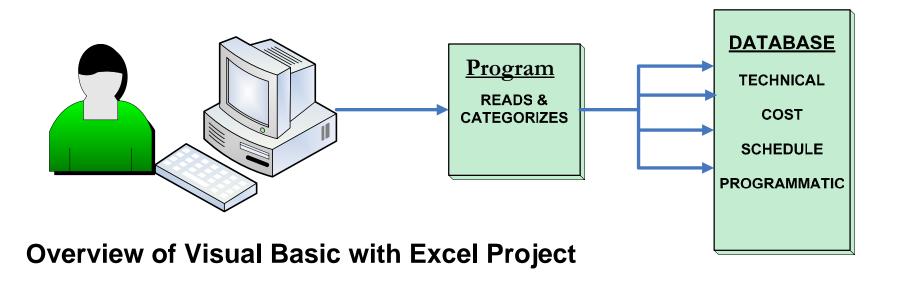
- Provides Engineers a validation estimate of mass and power throughout the development of a mission.
- Mass and power also helps approximate the cost of a spacecraft.
- Take each mission as a past experience to develop future missions.



Second Project



Risk Management Database Project



• The program organizes information in a large risk management database used for missions.



Third Project



Proposal Layout for a Systems Engineering Lab at APL

- Used Visio to conceptualize the arrangement of physical components necessary for this lab space.
- Details such as dimensions and budget are crucial for the beginning stage of a project.



Fourth Project



Environmental Verification Compliance Matrix Project

- Consulted with subsystem Lead Engineers of STEREO.
- Verified that each component of a subsystem met testing requirements.
- > Tests:
 - Mechanical Environment
 - Thermal Environment
 - Power Characteristics
- Failures due to testing were discussed, and in some cases a waiver was issued.



STEREO SUBSYSTEMS



Within each subsystem there were 3-16 different components that required testing.

- Power
- Guidance and Control
- Propulsion
- Telecommunications
- Avionics
- Mechanical/Structural
- Launch Vehicle
- Wiring Harness





Overview of Project



- Testing of a spacecraft is a crucial requirement for mission success.
- Important to document the testing status of each component of STEREO.



Interesting Things That I've Learned

- Range of Mass and Power of multiple spacecrafts.
- Unique components of a spacecraft subsystem.
- Many different tests pertaining to each subsystem.
- Programming with Visual Basic, and Visio.
- Experience of working with successful Engineers.